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August 12, 1992, Wednesday, AM cycle

SECTION: Domestic News

LENGTH: 343 words

HEADLINE: Verdict in Oswald Mock Trial Won't Put Case to Rest

BYLINE: By ELIZABETH RISBERG, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

KEYWORD: Oswald-Mock Trial

BODY:

A mock trial jury Tuesday didn't come any closer to closing the book on Lee Harvey Oswald. It was hung 7-5 for conviction on a charge he assassinated President Kennedy.

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The trial's purpose wasn't to reach a definitive verdict but to demonstrate advances in the age-old art of lawyering, said Theodore Tetzlaff, chairman of the ABA Special Litigation Section, which presented the event.

"Obviously the jury didn't deliberate until it reached a unanimous verdict,"

Tetzlaff said. "But we had quite an exciting trial, and I think everyone learned how the technology of the 1990s can be applied to what we do."

Oswald, a former Marine who lived in the Soviet Union for a time, was determined by the Warren Commission to have been the sole assassin in the attack. A gunman killed Oswald as Kennedy's body lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington.

The brief presentation of evidence didn't explore theories of conspiracy or an additional gunman but rather whether Oswald was responsible for firing the fatal shot.

"He had this gun, and he had bullets," prosecuting attorney James Brosnahan said in closing arguments Tuesday. "He took this gun, he put it on the window sill ... he aimed at the President of the United States and shot three times."

A hand-held device measuring jurors' reactions to what was being said showed they found Brosnahan decreasingly convincing as he described the attack - at about four on a 1-to-10 scale, with 10 the most convincing.

The jury indicated it was more impressed by defense attorney David Chesler, who said none of the witnesses described Oswald as deranged - a claim the prosecution made in opening arguments.

Oswald was convicted in another mock trial presented by HBO about four years ago. That trial used actual police officers and ballistics experts as witnesses.

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August 12, 1992, Wednesday, Home Edition

SECTION: Metro; Part B; Page 8; Column 4; Metro Desk

LENGTH: 235 words

HEADLINE: MOCK TRIAL JURY SPLITS ON OSWALD'S GUILT IN ASSASSINATION

BYLINE: From Associated Press

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

BODY:

A mock trial jury on Tuesday didn't come any closer to closing the book on questions about Lee Harvey Oswald, splitting 7 to 5 on whether he killed President John F. Kennedy.

The two-day mock trial presented by the American Bar Assn. involved testimony from witnesses portrayed by actors, computer animation and enhancement of the home movie made in 1963 as Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas.

The "verdict" was reached Tuesday afternoon after two hours of deliberation -- an hour longer than originally allotted.

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Because of the brevity of the trial, there were time constraints on evidence presentation and rebuttal. The purpose was not to come up with a definitive verdict but to demonstrate advances in the art of lawyering, Tetzlaff said.

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SUBJECT: OSWALD, LEE HARVEY; KENNEDY, JOHN F; ASSASSINATIONS -- TEXAS; TRIALS

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HEADLINE: Hung jury in Oswald trial

BYLINE: Tony Mauro; Robert Davis

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

KEYWORD: JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION:LEE HARVEY OSWALD TRIAL: MOCK TRIAL: ABA:AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION :VERDICT: HUNG JURY

BODY:

After nearly 30 years, Lee Harvey Oswald got his day in court.

The American Bar Association, in a mock trial at their convention, applied new technology to an old debate.

But the results were inconclusive: The jury deadlocked after 2 1/2 hours: seven jurors voting guilty, five to acquit.

The trial asked only one question: Did Oswald fire the shot that killed Kennedy?

There were two days of testimony by ''witnesses'' - portrayed by actors - and a computer-enhanced version of the home movie of the 1963 Dallas assassination.

The video, supporting the ''single bullet theory,'' was pivotal for some jurors.

But five balked, saying:

- The theory Oswald fired a single, magic bullet was unbelievable.

- His motive for killing Kennedy was unclear.

- Many doubts remain.

Says the ABA's Theodore Tetzlaff: ''The verdict is a pretty good indication of how people generally feel.''

SUBJECT: HISTORY; COURT; PRESIDENCY

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HEADLINE: LAW

ABSTRACT:
Mock trial of lee harvey oswald in assassination of pres john kennedy, sponsored by american bar association's litigation section, draws big crowds; 'jury' of san francisco-area residents, which was allowed only 2 1/2 hours to deliberate, could not reach unanimous verdict; jurors returned with seven votes of guilty and five innocent (M)

SUBJECT:
ASSASSINATIONS AND ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATIONS; TRIALS

ORGANIZATION:
AMERICAN BAR ASSN ( ABA)

NAME:
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HEADLINE: Mock Oswald trial ends in hung jury

BYLINE: FROM WIRE DISPATCHES AND STAFF REPORTS

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

BODY:
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Oswald yesterday. It was hung 7-5 for conviction on a charge of assassinating President Kennedy.

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HEADLINE: Mock Trial of Oswald Has a Few Glitches

BYLINE: Reynolds Holding, Chronicle Legal Affairs Writer

BODY:

The American Bar Association's high-tech mock trial of Lee Harvey Oswald began yesterday at the Fairmont Hotel and promptly stumbled over some low-tech problems.

Slinky jazz and 15 television monitors greeted the hundreds of attorneys who squeezed into the makeshift courtroom to see whether an all-star cast of lawyers and judges could settle the issues that still surround President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

What they got, initially, was a Keystone Kops routine.

The opening speaker was about to explain the technological wonders of computer animation and evidence reconstruction when his microphone went dead. With that problem fixed, the crowd rose for the entrance of presiding Judge Carol Corrigan of the Alameda County Superior Court. Judge Corrigan stepped behind the bench, sat down and disappeared atop a collapsing chair.

''Is there a lawyer out there?'' said the quick-thinking Corrigan as she peaked over the bench and saw the opportunity for a tidy lawsuit.

After a few minutes of hasty construction repairs, the two-day trial that is being broadcast nationally on the Court TV cable channel began in earnest.

The trial, which no one expects to resolve the nearly 30-year controversy that began Nov. 22, 1963, nevertheless attracted high-profile attorneys to argue the case.

Prominent Bay Area attorney Joseph Cotchett, who is prosecuting Oswald with top trial lawyers John Keker and James Brosnahan, told the jury that the alleged assassin was a ''disturbed man, a fanatic about guns and possessed with the desire to set himself apart. . . . He wasn't what you would call a stable Marine. His love was weapons and Fidel Castro.''

Cotchett said the case against Oswald was simple: to prove that Oswald shot the rifle found in the Texas School Book Depository, that the shot killed Kennedy and that Oswald acted deliberately and with intent to kill.

COMPUTER-AIDED VIDEO

The prosecution will have plenty of help from state-of-the-art technology. During Cotchett's opening statement, a computer- made video took viewers flying through the Dallas streets where Kennedy was killed, pinpointing the trajectory of the assassin's bullets. An enhanced version of an amateur movie of the assassination left the crowd stunned after it showed, frame-by-frame, a bullet exploding into the president's skull.

''We will show that the only conspiracy here is the conspiracy to hype the American public with books and films and to make money,'' Cotchett said, arguing that Oswald acted alone to kill Kennedy.

Speaking for the defense, New York attorney Thomas Barr said he had an ''extremely difficult job because (Oswald) is not here. . . . He can't tell us what he did, or point to witnesses that could help him.''

Barr emphasized, however, that this ''is the most investigated killing in the history of the world. . . . There should not be the slightest doubt of any kind as to what the facts are. And yet every single fact of any significance is open to serious doubt.''

DEFENSE CENTERS ON DOUBTS

He said the defense, which includes his partners David Boies and Evan Chesler at the influential law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, would show that no one can be sure about how many shots were fired or where they came from.

''Despite all the investigation, the government only has circumstantial evidence to string together. . . . The doubts are such that in this case (the government) cannot carry its burden,'' said Barr, whose use of old-fashioned posters to illustrate his points contrasted with the prosecution's high-tech devices.

Actors will portray many of the witnesses at the trial, including Oswald's wife, Marina.

The audience can keep track of the action by watching one of the TV screens that registers how convincing the judges, lawyers and jurors think the testimony is. Red, blue and green lines representing the different groups constantly squiggle across a graph on the screens in response to impulses sent from hand-held monitors.

According to the lines, jurors seemed to react about equally to the prosecution and defense during opening arguments.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO,An actor playing the part of a witness answered a question from the Warren Commission report , BY FREDERIC LARSON, THE CHRONICLE

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SECTION: Domestic News

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HEADLINE: Mock Trial Debates Lee Harvey Oswald Case

BYLINE: By ELIZABETH RISBERG, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

KEYWORD: Oswald-Mock Trial

BODY:

Cool killer or patsy? After nearly 30 years, Lee Harvey Oswald is getting the trial he never had.

"He was a disturbed man, a fanatic about guns," prosecution attorney Joseph W. Cotchett told the jury Monday in opening statements of the mock trial being staged by the American Bar Association.

Oswald, a former U.S. Marine who lived in the Soviet Union for a time, was determined by the Warren Commission to have been the sole assassin in the Nov. 22, 1963, sniper attack on President Kennedy in Dallas.

Oswald was slain soon after his arrest. Many books and the movie "JFK" have questioned whether he was set up to take the blame by high-level conspirators, with speculation ranging from the CIA to the Mafia.

"Defending Lee Harvey Oswald is difficult because he is not here," defense attorney Thomas Barr said.

"You would believe that the government, by this time 30 years later, would have all the facts," he added. "There should not be the slightest doubt of any kind of what the facts are ... and yet every single fact of importance in this case is open to serious doubt."

"We believe those doubts are such that in this case, where the government has the burden of proof ... it cannot carry the burden," Barr said.

The defense will question the claim that Oswald was the lone gunman. The number of shots fired is uncertain and evidence is said to indicate shots were fired from the "grassy knoll" across from Oswald's alleged firing spot.

In the prosecution's opening argument, a computer-enhanced videotape showed the route of Kennedy's motorcade and the view from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, from where Oswald allegedly fired three shots.

Cotchett also mentioned Oswald's residency in Russia and his fixation with Communism.

Actors portraying Marina Oswald, his Russian wife, and a host of ballistics experts and witnesses are to take the stand Tuesday. There was no script for the trial. A decision is expected late Tuesday.

To keep spectators interested, juror and lawyers used handheld devices to monitor their reactions to evidence and testimony.

Jurors reacted roughly equally to the prosecution and defense, finding them on average just over the halfway mark on a scale of 1-to-10, with 1 meaning a statement was unconvincing and 10 meaning it was very convincing.

Prosecutors also hoped that enhanced inspection of the home movie shot by Abraham Zapruder as Kennedy was shot will definitively show that then-Texas Gov. John Connally was wounded by the same bullet that passed through Kennedy's neck. The technical evidence was developed by Failure Analysis Inc. of Menlo Park, Calif., a company that investigates and analyzes disasters.

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HEADLINE: Oswald mock trial today

BYLINE: Tony Mauro

KEYWORD: JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION:LEE HARVEY OSWALD TRIAL: MOCK

TRIAL: ABA:AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

BODY:

Lee Harvey Oswald gets his day in court today.

A two-day mock trial, staged by the litigation section of the American Bar Association, includes computer simulations and a mock-up of President Kennedy's limousine.

Jurors selected from the San Francisco area will listen to the evidence and give a verdict at the end of the trial, which will be televised on cable's Court TV.

Trial organizers say they don't want to fuel conspiracy theories, so they're sticking close to the Warren Commission evidence and the testimony of actual witnesses and experts.

A California company, Failure Analysis Associates, has taken the 1963 evidence and the Zapruder film of the assassination and enhanced it using computer and video techniques.

''It's going to be a very interesting exercise, but no matter what they decide, the controversy won't go away,'' says James Lesar, of the Assassination Archives and Research Center in Washington.

SUBJECT: COURT; HISTORY; PRESIDENCY

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HEADLINE: Live from Califormia, Oswald put on TV trial

BYLINE: Rod Dreher; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BODY:

Lee Harvey Oswald will go on trial today in San Francisco for the murder of President John F. Kennedy - and you can watch it on live television.

That's the idea behind a partnership between the American Bar Association and Court TV, the cable network that broadcasts proceedings from actual trials.

"We're hoping people learn a little about what happened in Dealey Plaza that day, and a lot about how what happened would have been litigated had it occurred circa 1992," says Merrill Brown, Court TV's senior vice president.

The unscripted mock trial, produced by the ABA as part of its annual meeting, begins today at noon and concludes tomorrow night. The event - speculating on what might have happened had not JFK's accused assassin been gunned down himself by Jack Ruby - will be telecast on Court TV in its entirety, running from noon to 8 p.m. both days.

"Real" and "shadow" juries were selected from the San Francisco-area jury pool. Actors will play the roles of prospective witnesses that will include Oswald and his wife, Marina, former Texas Gov. John Connally, eyewitnesses to the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination, investigators and doctors from Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Some of the nation's leading lawyers and judges signed on.

John W. Keker, the San Francisco lawyer who prosecuted Lt. Col. Oliver North on charges stemming from the Iran-Contra investigation, will help argue the government's case against Oswald. U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood, who presided over junk-bond financier Michael Milken's trial, is on a panel of legal analysts.

The two juries will be monitered by experts and cameras, with jury deliberations fully televised. The broadcast also will feature panels commenting on the proceedings, audience discussion and analysis of the case with experts.

The trial - United States vs. Oswald - is supposed to showcase the latest in computer animation, reconstruction techniques and other state-of-the-art technologies now used in trials.

The ABA promises that sophisticated computer analytical techniques will reveal newsworthy information about the assassination, Court TV's Mr. Brown says. Discussion of conspiracy theories definitely won't be on the agenda, he adds.

"Obviously, the real trial of Lee Harvey Oswald would have had a longer duration. Here, they've narrowed the issue, only dealing with the scene of the crime," Mr. Brown says. "There will be a number of so-called eyewitnesses, but none of the stuff about Oswald and Cuba.

Court TV has been lauded by critics for educating the public about the workings of the U.S. legal system.

The network has chosen to violate its policy of discouraging the use of dramatizations as part of trial coverage because, according to a statement by Court TV President Steven Brill, the event is "a substantive, factual and educational presentation by some of the nation's most distinguished legal minds."

GRAPHIC: Photo, Lee Harvey Oswald ; Photo, John Connally

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HEADLINE: Tomlin Hosts Showtime's Montreal Comedy Festival

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Martie Zad, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Lily Tomlin hosts the "10th Annual Montreal Comedy Festival" Saturday at 10 p.m., the third consecutive year that Showtime has aired the two-hour finale to this 11-day comedy showcase.

This year's fest will include performances by Alan King, Penn & Teller, Steven Wright, Rita Rudner and Sinbad. Also, Jerry Lewis will be honored as this year's inductee in the Just For Laughs International Humor Hall of Fame.

The festival features some of the world's most innovative comedians with some 250 acts coming from France, Scotland, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Belgium, England, Australia and other countries. The show began 10 years ago as a one-night French-speaking event. Last year it drew 550,000 fans.

Tomlin was asked recently whether she might contribute some of her own classic routines to the festivities as well as host and, if so, how deep into her bag of tricks she might reach.

For Montreal, she said, she was leaning toward new material, or at least new material for familiar characters. "We're working on doing Tommy Velour and Mrs. Beasley and, possibly, Ernestine, if we can find the right routine for her," she said.

Then she thought about her oldies. "But that could change. I might do a little Edith Ann, which is rather perilous," she said. "Maybe I should pull out an old routine, like 'The World's Oldest Beauty Expert' or 'The Lady at the Funeral,' you know, the one who uses the deceased as a ventriloquist dummy."

Showtime repeats the show Aug. 20 and 24 at 11 p.m. and Aug. 30 at midnight.

Sunday on TBS at 9:05 p.m. "National Geographic Explorer" highlights "The Secret Panda," which examines the threatened habitat and lifestyle of this endangered creature. The panda needs to eat constantly one of two types of bamboo to survive, but it also feeds on dead animals in the forest. Repeats: Monday at 12:05 a.m. and Saturday at 10:05 a.m.

Monday on Court TV at noon "The Trial of the Century: United States v. Lee Harvey Oswald, " a special being presented by the American Bar Association as part of its annual meeting beginning Monday at noon and concluding Tuesday at 8. The program will involve the participation of some of the nation's leading lawyers and judges and include expert testimony, analysis of the crime, state-of-the-art computer animation, reconstruction techniques, and other technical evidence in an up-to-date, hypothetical trial of the man accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy. Actors will play the roles of Oswald, his wife, Marina, and some witnesses. Steven Brill, Court TV president, said the cable service has a policy of strongly discouraging the use of dramatizations, but "because of the quality and reputation of the lawyers, judges and other participants, we are making an exception ... "

Monday on The Nashville Network at 10 p.m. Willard Scott hosts "An American Celebration," a one-hour celebration of the 200th anniversary "The Old Farmers Almanac." The program includes country stars, folklore, humor and choice homespun trivia published in the last two centuries. Repeats at 1 a.m.

Wednesday on The Discovery Channel at midnight, the premiere of "Flight Command" as part of TDC's Discovery Profile Series. The five-part special chronicles the evolution of air combat and military aeronautics. The episodes continue at the same time each week with repeats on Fridays at 10 p.m.

Wednesday on USA Network at 9 p.m., the TV movie "A Taste For Killing," about a sociopathic killer who befriends two students working as roustabouts on an oil rig. with Jason Bateman and Henry Thomas. Repeats: Aug. 16 and 22.

Thursday on TNT at 10 p.m., "Viva Las Vegas," Elvis Presley's 1964 film co-starring Ann Margret. This is another film in TNT's "Our Favorite Movies -- Summer Edition," featuring guest hosts who express their views of the film. Wayne Newton hosts this one, commemorating the 15th anniversary of Presley's death.

Presley movies on TNT this weekend:

SATURDAY

"Spinout," 8 p.m.

"Girl Happy," 10 p.m.

"The Trouble With Girls," midnight

"Harum Scarum," 2:10 a.m.

"Double Trouble," 4 a.m.

SUNDAY

"Clambake," 10 a.m.

"Viva Las Vegas," noon

"Speedway," 2 p.m.

Remainder of schedule for summer edition of "Our Favorite Movies," with hosts, airing Thursdays at 10 p.m. and repeated Sundays at noon:

SATURDAY

Aug. 20: "North By Northwest," Jonathan Demme.

Aug. 27: "Dr. Strangelove," Hugh Heffner.

Sept. 3: "Witness for the Prosecution," Judge Joseph Wapner.

Sept. 10: "Forbidden Planet," LeVar Burton.

Sept. 17: "The Long, Long Trailer," Desi Arnaz, Jr.

Saturday on Nickelodeon beginning at 8 p.m. the debut of SNICK (Saturday Night Nickelodeon), a two-hour block of original programming, anchored by the series "Clarissa Explains It All" and "The Ren and Stimpy Show." Two new programs, "Are You Afraid of the Dark" and "Roundhouse," a comedy variety show, round out the package.

Saturday on HBO at 10:30 p.m., "The Larry Sanders Show," a new 13-part comedy series starring Garry Shandling as a late-night network talk-show host. Although a spoof, "Sanders" shows a lot of what actually goes on back stage, maybe. The series also features Rip Torn, Wallace Longham, Jeffrey Tambor and Megan Gallagher. The first show repeats Aug. 18 and 23; Episode 2 airs Aug. 22 and repeats Aug. 25 and 30. Episode 3 airs Aug. 29.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, LILY TOMLIN HOSTS SHOWTIME'S TWO-HOUR SPECIAL AT THE MONTREAL COMEDY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY AT 10 P.M.

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HEADLINE: Lawyers Plan Mock Trial In JFK Death
Part of bar association convention in San Francisco

BYLINE: Michael Taylor, Chronicle Staff Writer

BODY:

Some of America's sharpest lawyers and judges will take a new look at the murder of President John F. Kennedy in a high- tech, high-profile mock trial in San Francisco of alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, replete with promises of new evidence in what one lawyer called ''the most investigated crime in the history of the world.''

The make-believe trial will take place at the Fairmont Hotel on August 10 and 11 as part of the annual convention of the American Bar Association. It is scheduled to be telecast nationwide on the Court TV cable channel.

''We wanted to find the trial of the century, a high-profile event, and there wasn't much question about which trial it would be,'' said Peter Freeman, a Chicago attorney who organized the project for the ABA. ''What we're trying to do is to contribute some insights to a public understanding of the assassination and the role of the trial that we all missed.''

NEW EVIDENCE

The showcase of the trial will be the introduction of cutting- edge technical evidence developed by Failure Analysis Associates, a Menlo Park firm that investigates and analyzes disasters such as plane crashes or the collapse of offshore oil rigs.

For example, engineer Jeff Lotz, who will help the prosecution try to prove that Oswald was the lone assassin, said new enhanced inspection of the assassination movie taken by dressmaker Abraham Zapruder shows that the right lapel on the jacket of then-Texas Governor John Connally moved at the same time Kennedy was shot in the neck. Connally, sitting in front of Kennedy in the presidential limousine, was wounded in the attack.

Lotz said this new information supports the hotly contested Warren Commission finding that one bullet (known by critics as the ''magic bullet'') went through Kennedy and wounded Connally.

Failure Analysis also fired a bullet through a skull filled with beef brains and covered with pigskin to analyze another point of argument raised by conspiracy theorists -- that the piece of film showing Kennedy's head snapping backwards proves he was shot from the front. Oswald, allegedly shooting from the Texas School Book Depository, was behind Kennedy.

Lotz said his investigation showed that when the skull was shot, ''the motion of the head going back and to the left was consistent with a shot from behind,'' because the bullet created a shock wave in the brain that caused an explosion of the brains coming out of Kennedy's skull on the right. This made the head go back and to the left, Lotz said.

Attorneys will also use evidence developed by the Warren Commission and the

1979 House Select Committee on Assassinations.

BIG NAMES

Bay Area attorneys John Keker, James Brosnahan and Joseph Cotchett will be the three prosecutors. Keker, former president of the San Francisco Police Commission, was the lead special prosecutor who tried Oliver North in the Iran-Contra case more than three years ago. Brosnahan is well known for his work in First Amendment, civil rights and criminal defense cases, and for being named by the National Law Journal as one of the 10 top lawyers in the United States. And Cotchett is known as the savior of thousands of small savings and loan investors fleeced by S&L czar Charles Keating. Cotchett sued and got an $ 87 million settlement out of a big law firm and accounting firm that had helped Keating dupe investors.

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HEADLINE: Mock trial to analyze Kennedy assassination

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DATELINE: San Francisco, Calif.

BODY:
Some of the nation's sharpest lawyers and judges will rehash the murder of President John Kennedy in a high-tech mock trial of alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

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The showcase of the trial will be the introduction of technical evidence developed by Failure Analysis Associates, which investigates and analyzes disasters such as plane crashes or the collapse of offshore oil rigs.

For example, engineer Jeff Lotz, who will help the prosecution try to prove that Oswald was the lone assassin, said enhanced inspection of the assassination movie taken by dressmaker Abraham Zapruder shows that the right lapel on the jacket of then-Texas Governor John Connally moved at the same time Kennedy was shot in the neck. Connally, sitting in front of Kennedy in the presidential limousine, was wounded in the attack.

Lotz said this new information supports the Warren Commission finding that one bullet (known by critics as the "magic bullet") went through Kennedy and wounded Connally.

Failure Analysis fired a bullet through a skull filled with beef brains and covered with pigskin to analyze another point of argument - that the piece of film showing Kennedy's head snapping backwards proves he was shot from the front. Oswald, allegedly shooting from the Texas School Book Depository, was behind Kennedy.

Lotz said his investigation showed that when the skull was shot, "the motion of the head going back and to the left was consistent with a shot from behind."

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What if Lee Harvey Oswald had lived to stand trial?

The American Bar Association Litigation Section will attempt to find out when it presents the "Trial of the Century, the United States vs. Lee Harvey Oswald, " Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 10-11, in San Francisco.

Two teams of nationally prominent trial attorneys will spar before two juries of people from the Northern District of California and two panels of judges recruited for their handling of complex, high-profile cases, in the mock trail which is part of the ABA's annual meeting Aug. 6-12. Some 22,000 lawyers, guests and family members are expected in San Francisco for the meeting.

This trial will not draw on the recent crop of books, movies and articles supporting conspiracy theories of the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Instead, expert testimony based on existing evidence of the assassination site, the Abraham Zapruder film and autopsy reports will be enhanced by state-of-the-art reconstruction techniques, computer animation, photogrammetric techniques and biomechanics. Organizers say this is likely to produce new insights into evidence documented by the Warren Commission Report.

Oswald is not expected to be called to the witness stand. However, amateur actors portraying witnesses present at Dealey Plaza in Dallas and law-enforcement officers will be. The proceedings will not be scripted.

"The trial itself is the real star of this proceeding," Chicago lawyer Theodore Tetzlaff, chair of the ABA Litigation Section, which sponsors the trial, said. "There is a strong legal research and education aspect to this program."

"Our principal aim is to break the trial into its basic components -- jury selection, opening arguments, evidence, closing arguments, the role of the jury and the role of the judge -- in order to learn what aspects of a trial influence its outcome, and why," Peter Freeman, a Chicago lawyer who helped design the program, said.

The program will also examine the relationship between trials and history, particularly the role of a trial in healing a social wound, Freeman said.

Prosecuting Oswald will be San Francisco attorneys Jim Brosnahan, Joe Cotchett and John Keker; attorneys Tom Barr, David Boies and Evan Chesler of New

York City will represent the defendant.

Both sides will use the latest in trial technology and presentation techniques, as federal judges Kimba Wood of New York City, Marvin Aspen of Chicago, and lawyer Joseph Ball of San Diego comment on trial strategy, techniques and other important aspects of the trial.

Expert testimony will be provided by Robert Pizali, Ph.D. (for the prosecution) and Roger McCarthy Ph.D. (for the defense) from Failure Analysis Associates, Inc. of Menlo Park, Calif. In addition to expert witnesses, Failure Analysis will provide a variety of technical exhibits to be introduced into evidence.

Throughout the trial, jurors' individual reactions to arguments and evidence will be monitored electronically for analysis by prominent jury specialists.

In addition, the jurors, as well as the expected 500 ABA members attending the trial, will indicate their reactions to evidence and arguments using hand-held devices which will be monitored on a minute- to-minute basis. Audience members also will make their own jury selections and will be given ballots to indicate their verdict.

The jury's deliberations will be shown on closed-circuit television. All information will be analyzed in depth by lawyers and trial specialists during and after the trial.

The entire proceedings will be broadcast live Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 10-11, by Court TV, which reaches 7.5 million households nationwide via cable. The trial is expected to air starting noon (ET) on Aug. 10 and conclude Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. (ET).

As for the verdict, anything can happen. At the 1990 ABA annual meeting, the Litigation Section "retried" Al Capone on 12 counts of tax evasion under current federal tax statutes. He was acquitted. No verdict was reached in 1991 at the annual meeting when the ABA's International Law and Practice Section conducted a war crimes trial of Saddam Hussein.

This will not be the only program with appeal for JFK assassination buffs registered at the ABA meeting. Dr. Cyril Wecht, a pathologist present at the president's autopsy, will speak at the ABA Family Law Section's annual luncheon Aug. 10.

The Litigation Section, with 70,000 members, is the largest section of the ABA; the ABA, with 370,000 members, is the largest voluntary professional organization in the world.

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BODY:
The USA's most celebrated murder mystery is going to trial and TV viewers can watch it live.

The Trial of the Century: The United States v. Lee Harvey Oswald will air on Court TV Aug. 10-11. The trial of the accused killer of President John F. Kennedy is being presented by the American Bar Association as part of its annual meeting.

''It is based on real evidence,'' says Court TV vice president Merrill Brown. ''There are some very serious people doing some very serious work.''

Trial lawyers and federal and state judges will participate. Actors will portray Oswald, his wife, Marina, and some witnesses. The ABA will also use state-of-the-art evidence technology, which Brown says ''may shed new light'' on the assassination.

Oswald's personal life will also be under the microscope this fall in an NBC miniseries about Marina.

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HEADLINE: WAS OSWALD REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR JFK'S DEATH?

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BODY:
Attorneys and experts will use a combination of insightful witness questioning and high- technology to explore the question of Oswald's responsibility at the "Trial of the Century," otherwise known as "United States v. Lee Harvey Oswald". The mock trial is scheduled to be the focus of the Litigation Section's program during the American Bar Association's conference to be held in San Francisco Aug. 9-12. Failure Analysis Associates Inc. (FaAA) of Menlo Park will provide a variety of engineering, biomechanics, ballistics

and engineering-based computer animation expertise to determine the extent of Lee Harvey Oswald's involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy.

The firm will provide expert testimony for both prosecution and defense, as well as the technical evidence to support their presentations at the mock trial scheduled for Aug. 10-11. Failure Analysis Associates is the nation's leading independent engineering and scientific firm devoted to the investigation, analysis, and prevention of accidents and failures. Robert L. Piziali, Ph.D., vice president of FaAA and manager of the biomechanics group will testify for the prosecution. The firm's chief executive officer, Roger McCarthy, Ph.D. will testify for the defense. Both will provide insight into the examination of the physical evidence supported by several months of research, testing and event reconstruction.

Spectus Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of The Failure Group, will apply the latest illustrative computer modeling and engineering animation, photographic imaging, and scene reconstruction technology to the events which transpired in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963. This technology includes electronic image enhancement of the Abraham Zapruder film, reverse projection and photogrammetric techniques to locate the wound positions and three-dimensional computer-assisted visualization of the assassination scene.

The trial scenario will also feature top litigators from around the country. The government's case will be presented by three San Francisco Bay Area firms: John W. Keker, of Keker and Brockett; Joseph Cotchett of Cotchett, Illston & Pitre; James J. Brosnahan of Morrison & Foerster. Representing Lee Oswald will be Thomas Barr, a member of the Warren Commission research staff in 1964, David Boies, and Evan Chesler, all from Cravath, Swaine and Moore in New York.

The reactions of the jury, shadow jury, and the panel of distinguished judges will be monitored electronically during the trial. The audience will be able to guage the participants' reactions to the evidence and witness testimony, but none of the trial participants will know the results. The analysis of the participants' reactions will be provided by DecisionQuest, a Los Angeles-based organization which specializes in the application of behavioral science techniques to trial settings. Television coverage of the event will be provided by Court TV.

Failure Analysis Associates was founded in 1967 by five Ph.D.-level researchers, and now comprises more than 450 employees, almost 300 of whom possess degrees in their area of specialization. Failure Analysis Associates Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Failure Group Inc., with offices in nine U.S. cities and representation in Europe, Canada and the Far East. Failure Group stock is traded on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol FAIL. CONTACT: Angela Meyer or Jo Minola of the Failure Group, 415-688-7003

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